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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Confirmation No.: 2538  
Gary K. Michelson )  
Serial No.: 09/970,294 ) Group Art Unit: 3732  
Filed: October 2, 2001 ) Examiner: M. Priddy  
For: SCREWS OF CORTICAL BONE AND )  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE )  
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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated October 14, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for three (3) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.

Amendment 4-14-04